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SUBJ: COUNTRY FINANCED TECHNICAL SERVICES: MARITIME ORGANIZATION
AND ADMINISTRATION

1. AS A RESULT OF MARCH MEETING BERGER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
TEAM HELD WITH GOQ PORT OFFICIALS WHILE IN DOHA, ON APRIL 6
EMBOFF WAS VISITED BY GOQ CHIEF PILOT OF PORT, SEAO DBOPER AND
TWO ASSISTANTS, GHOLAM ABDULLAH JENNER AND MOHAMMED KHALIFA
EL SAID. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS FOLLOW UP TO MARCH MEETING AND TO
REQUEST USG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A MARITIME CONSULTANT
AND IN OBTAINING TRAINING FOR ONE OR TWO QATARIS WHO WILL
EVENTUALLY ORGANIZE AND OPERATE A MARITIME DEPARTMENT.

2. RE TRAINING, GOQ HAS IN MIND TWO CANDIDATES BOTH OF WHOM
HAVE SPENT MORE THAN SIX YEARS EACH IN TRAINING IN ENGLAND AND
ARE CERTIFIED FOREIGN GOING MERCHANT NAVY OFFICERS. DIRECTOR
OF PORT CONTEMPLATES SENDING ONE TO ENGLAND FOR TYPE OF
TRAINING DESCRIBED AND ONE TO U.S. IF USG CAN OFFER TRAINING
ALONG LINES GOQ DESIRES, THEN POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR BOTH TO
TRAIN IN THE STATES.

3. GOQ WISHES TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL TRAINING THAT WOULD ALLOW
ITS TWO CANDIDATES TO RETURN TO QATAR AND BECOME DEPARTMENT
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HEADS IN ORGANIZING AND ADMINISTERING QATAR'S FIRST DEPARTMENT

OF MARITIME AFFAIRS. THE TRAINING SHOULD BE BROAD RANGED AND FROM AN OBSERVATORY AND PERSONAL CONTACT POINT OF VIEW RATHER THAN A FORMAL ACADEMIC APPROACH. ALTHOUGH CANDIDATES SHOULD BE BROADLY TRAINED TO BE OFFICE DIRECTORS OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, THEIR TRAINING SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED IN FOLLOWING AREAS: SHIP REGISTRATION, SHIP SURVEYS, MANNING SCALES AND FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATUTORY SAFETY STANDARDS.

4. PARALLEL TO TRAINING OF TWO FUTURE DIRECTORS OF MARITIME OPERATIONS, GOQ WOULD LIKE A CONSULTANT TO COME OUT AND DETERMINE LOCAL NEED IN SETTING UP AND OPERATING A MARITIME OFFICE.

5. AT PRESENT TIME GOQ FLEET CONSISTS OF ONE 150,000 TON TANKER, UNDER KUWAITI ADMINISTRATION AS EXPERTISE TO RUN NOT AVAILABLE IN QATAR, ONE 15,000 HEAD CAPACITY SHEEP CARRIER, ONE FISHING TRAWLER AND MISCELLANEOUS VESSELS. ALTHOUGH THIS IS VERY SMALL FLEET, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MARITIME ACTIVITY IN QATAR. AT PRESENT TIME NEW BERTHING FACILITIES ARE BEING BUILT AT PORTS IN DOHA AND UMM SAID. CONGESTION OF PORTS HAS REACHED POINT WHERE 90 PERCENT ADDITIONAL CHARGE ON TOTAL FREIGHT COSTS PLACED ON SHIPMENTS FROM U.S. ALL OF THIS TOUCHES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ON MARITIME AFFAIRS MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT WHICH IS BADLY NEEDED NOW AND WILL BE NEEDED TO AN EVEN GREATER DEGREE IN FUTURE AS QATAR CONTINUES TO DIVERSIFY ITS ECONOMY.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: TO ADVISE SOONEST KINDS OF PROGRAMS USG CAN ORGANIZE AND TAILOR TO GOQ REQUIREMENTS IN PREPARING ABOVE TWO CANDIDATES IN SETTING UP AND ADMINISTERING A DEPARTMENT OF MARITIME AFFAIRS FOR QATAR. WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION DOES THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMMING. ALSO ADVISE COSTS, DATES, PROGRAM CONTENT AND DURATION ETC.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: TO ADVISE WHETHER USG CAN PROVIDE CONSULTANT OR CAN RECOMMEND SOMEONE OUTSIDE USG TO ASSIST GOQ IN ITS PLANS TO SET UP A MARITIME ADMINISTRATION.
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